Ban on Sale of Single Digit Lottery System

52. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations have been received for country-wide ban on sale of single digit lottery system; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Fire-Safety Licensing in Delhi Cinemas

53. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether following the fire accident in a New Delhi Cinema house "Uphaar" on June 13, 1997, in which at least 59 persons including women and children were killed, a survey of all the the Cinema houses and multi-storeyed market complexes, hotels and guest houses, was conducted, to see how for they fulfilled fire-safety norms;

(b) if so, whether most of Delhi Cinemas were found to be lacking fire-safety and if so, the details of the findings; and

(c) the steps taken and being taken to ensure that all such buildings and market places observe the fire-safety norms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Following the fire incident in Uphaar Cinema on 13.6.97, a survey of Cinema halls and banquet halls in the National Capital Territory was conducted by a team of officers headed by respective SDMs. Another survey of 13 Cinema halls and 9 hotels which were due for renewal of permit was got conducted through Chief Fire Officer from fire safety point of view by the Delhi Police.

(b) and (c) Some of the Cinema Halls were found to be deficient in fire safety norms. Delhi Police have suspended the permit of 2 such Cinema Halls and revoked permits of 2 others. The licence of one Guest House was cancelled and show cause notices were issued to 8 other Hotels/Guest Houses. Notices have also been issued in cases where deficiencies in respect of fire safety norms have been noticed by Municipal Corporation of Delhi, NDMC, Delhi Vidyut Board, Delhi Fire Service and Delhi Police for expeditious rectification.

Facilities to Freedom Fighters

54. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH:
SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:
SHRI PARAG CHALIHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have since decided to enhance existing pension/facilities and to introduce newer ones to freedom fighters on the occasion of Golden Jubilee Celebration of Indian Independence;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MABOOL DAR): (a) to (c) The matter is under active consideration of the Government.

Naga Militants Receiving Money from Nagaland State Lotteries Sale

55. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMCHANDRA REDDY: Will the

Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any reports have been received that part of the money collected from Nagaland State Lotteries passes on to groups of Nagaland Militants from which they purchase arms and ammunition;

(b) whether the sole distributor for Nagaland State Lotteries is responsible for this nexus with the militants of the State; and

(c) whether Government have taken up this matter with the Nagaland Government and the steps taken to break the nexus?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) Government has seen newspaper reports to the effect that the sole distributor of Nagaland lotteries has made payments to militant groups.

(c) Government of Nagaland have been advised to stop the running of State Lotteries immediately till inquiries into the allegations are over.

Misuse of Para-Military Forces Provided for VIP Security

56. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawan to a news item which appeared in the Times of India dated 23rd May, 1997 regarding the misuse of para-military forces provided for VIPs security;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether it is a fact that some of the VVIPs who have been provided with SPG security cover have requested Government for its withdrawal; and

(d) if so, the action Government propose in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Due to manpower constraints of Delhi Police, they are utilising the services of the personnel from different papra-military forces for static/mobile duties for the security of VIP/VVIPs.

(c) and (d) A request has been received from Shri V.P. Singh, former Prime Minister and his wife and Shri H.D. Deve Gowda, former Prime Minister requesting for withdrawal of SPG due to the high cost of SPG security cover. The requests of the former Prime Ministers are under examination. Schemes for alternative security arrangements based on latest threat perception which will be required in their cases are being drawn up.

दिल्ली पुलिस के अधिकारियों द्वारा शराब उत्पादन और उसकी बिक्री किया जाना

57. **श्री रामगोपाल यादवः**
श्री ईशदत्त यादवः

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे किः

(क) क्या सरकार को दिल्ली पुलिस के अधिकारी/अधिकारियों द्वारा अपने घरों में शराब बनाकर बाजार में बेचे जाने की जानकारी है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उन अधिकारियों के नाम क्या है और सरकार ने उक्त अधिकारी/अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध क्या कार्रवाई की है?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मोहम्मद मकबूल डार): (क) दिल्ली पुलिस ने सूचित किया है कि इस प्रकार की कोई घटना उनके ध्यान में नहीं आई है।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता है।